

Post-Office Notifications

A mail will close
 For Saigon.—Per *Thingvala*, to-day, at
 80th inst., at 11.30 A.M.
 For Amoy.—Per *Zamboanga*, to-day, at 80th
 inst., at 4.80 P.M.
 For Singapore, Somers, Cooktown, Olen
 and Day, Beacon, New Hampshire, Kappel, Bay
 Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, and Melbourne
 11.15 A.M. to-morrow, the 31st instant.

and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing
Mails, etc.

Wednesday, 29th inst.

5 P.M. Money Order Office closes. P.
Office closes except the NIGHT B.
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 30th inst.

7 A.M. Post Office opens for sale
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Po.
for all correspondence.

10 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

11 A.M. Post Office closes except for L.
Letters.

11.10 A.M. Letters (but Letters sent) addre.
ed to the United Kingdom or to the
Colonies may be sent by payment of a
small Fee of 10 cents extra post
age.

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSING
entirely.

CLARENCE LISTER,
Postmaster-General

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1875.

**MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES STEAMSHIP
PACKET.**

The United States Mail Packet, **BALBOA**,
will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 19th
January, at 3 P.M., with the Mails for
Santo Domingo, the French Republic, the United
States, and the United Kingdom.

The Post Office will be open for the reception
of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers,
until 2.30 P.M.

Letters can be posted on board the Packet

Note 3291 P.M. 13.250 P.M. 3.300 P.M. 3.400 P.M.
 Late P.M. 3.450 P.M. 3.500 P.M. 3.550 P.M. 4.000 P.M.
 Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will be
 forwarded by the English Packet.
 Correspondence addressed to Yokohama
 the United States must be superscribed
 BEIGIC, and that addressed to the United
 Kingdom must be superscribed "via
 Francisco."
 ALFRED LESTER,
 Postmaster-General.
 General Post Office,
 Hongkong, 23th December, 1875.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.
 The English Contract Packet THIBET
 be despatched with the Mails for Europe.

on THURSDAY, the 6th January.
The following will be the hours of closing
Mails, &c.:-
Wednesday, January 5th.
8 P.M. Money Order Office closes.
9 P.M. Post Office closes except the Night
Box, which remains open all night.
Thursday, January 6th.
9 A.M. Post Office opens for sale
of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Printing of all correspondence.
10 A.M. Post Office closes except for Letters
and Registry of Letters.
10.15 A.M. Letters may be posted on payment
of a LATE FEE of 18 cents of
Postage, until
11 A.M. when the Post Office CLOS-
es entirely.

11.30 A.M., Vessels for Hongkong and Shanghai
 bound to the United Kingdom, and to Singapore, may be posted
 here the Packet on payment of a
 Late Fee of 48 cents per cent postage.
 11.50 A.M., Posting on Board Vessels.
 ALFRED HESTER, Postmaster General.
 General Post-Office,
 Hongkong, 28th December, 1875.

Arrangements have been made for the Ex-
 change of Correspondence between the
 United States of America and this Colony
 by Pacific Mail Packets of the Queensland
 Oriental Steam Ship Company.

The Registration Fee will be 10 cents per
 letter, and 10 cents for the Postage. This
 fee is levied on the Postage, and the
 letter must be registered.

No letters can be Registered after 2 P.M.
the day of departure of the Mail.

ALFRED LISTER, *Postmaster-General*
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 11th November, 1875.

The following reduced Rates of Postage
take effect from this day:—

	Boat Letters, Newspapers, &c.	Boat Letters, Newspapers, &c.	Boat Letters, Newspapers, &c.
PORTUGAL—	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
Via Southampton, 5 per 1/2 oz.	0	0	0
AZORES ISLANDS—			
Via Bristol, 1/2 oz.	40	per 1/2 oz.	8 1/2
Via Marseilles, 1/2 oz.	40	per 1/2 oz.	8 1/2
Via Southampton, 3/4 per 1/2 oz.	50	per 1/2 oz.	8 1/2
CANARY & MADRIDA			

ISLANDS,
Via Brindisi, ... 34 per oz. 8 13 per
Via Mareilles, ... 34 per oz. 6 8 per
Via Southampton, 33 per oz. 6 8 per
HONG KONG AND
HAWAII,
Via Brindisi, ... 36 per oz. 10 14 per
Via Mareilles, ... 36 per oz. 8 8 per
Via Southampton, 30 per oz. 8 8 per
ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster-General
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 5th August, 1875.

The Postmaster at San Francisco, has
notice that letters despatched from this Col-
(whether through the Post Office, or as
signed letters) by the United States

Packets will not be forwarded to any place outside the United States unless the postage is paid from America to such places by means of *American* Postage Stamps, but not returned to this Office.

Such letters should either be prepaid in the Hongkong and American Stamps as above posted to an Agent in the United States.

This notice chiefly applies to the following places, the *American* Rates of Postage to which are as follows:

	NEWS-LETTERS.	PAPERS.	BOOKS.
	Cents.	Cents.	Cents.
Honduras,.....	6 per 100.	2	4 per 4
Brazil,.....	15	3 1/2	10
Peru, Chili, &c., 25	15	3 1/2	10 per 4

ADRIAN LESTER.
POSTMASTER.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 12th July, 1875.

It is hereby notified that henceforward rates of postage which must be paid in advance on chargeable or Packets of printed papers, patterns of light weight sent from Hongkong to the United Kingdom by the United States Packets via San Francisco, will be as follows:-

For a packet not exceeding 1 ounce in weight..... 2 cents
For a packet above 1 ounce not exceeding 2 ounces..... 4
For a packet above 2 ounces not exceeding 4 ounces..... 8
and eight cents for every additional four ounces.
These rates apply to Printed Circulars, P

Lists, Market Reports, and all printed paper other than Newspapers, as well as to Books and Trade Papers or Samples.

F. W. MACHILL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong.

As some misapprehension exists regarding the transmission of Packets and Samples through the Post, it is hereby notified that general information, that the Privilege of sending such articles through the Post at the rate of postage applicable to the same is restricted to *bonafide Trade Papers or Samples of Manufacturers Goods sent for Sale, or for execution in order however small the quantity may be, or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actually patterns*

samples, are not admissible.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General
General Post-Office, Hongkong.

